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HAMMOND AND WHITING TAKE ACTION

CALUMET REGION CITIES SHOW CIVIL DEBT INCREASE

CALUMET THE TAX RATES BE CURBED

Hammond, Gary and East Chicago Break State Record

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 8.—The present agitation against further increases in the public debt as a means of curbing the ever increasing tax rates has not been caused by extravagance of the civil city governments in Indiana, the 1920 state year book, soon to be published, will show.

Three of the largest cities in Indiana have not incurred any further debt in the last year of the report, which ends, Dec. 31, 1919.

TWO BIG CITIES THE SAME

The civil-city debt of Indianapolis remained the same in 1919 as it was in 1918. This is also true of Fort Wayne where the civil city debt for the two years is \$250,000—\$250,000. Evansville, which was \$245,000 in 1918, increased its debt to \$250,000 in 1919.

South Bend, probably due to an unusual era of expansion, shows a notable increase in its debt, but even with the increase the bonded debt of that city is not excessive. In 1918 the debt of the civil city of South Bend was \$433,277 and in 1919 this was increased to \$453,260. Elkhart, which was \$415,000 in 1918, increased its debt to \$420,000 in 1919.

HEAVIEST IN THE STATE

The heaviest percentage increase in civil city debt is shown in the three great industrial centers of the Calumet. Hammond increased its civil city debt from \$220,389 in 1918 to \$231,231 in 1919. Gary from \$221,231 to \$231,231. Terre Haute, another of the big ten cities of the state, increased its debt from \$244,000 to \$254,000.

On the other hand the secondary cities of the state have, in many instances, decreased their debt materially. For instance, Laporte decreased its debt from \$136,770 to \$129,324, and Elkhart brought its debt down from \$143,421 to \$139,749.

DIFFERENCE SLIGHT AS WHOLE

On the whole the total debt of all cities of the state for the operation of the civil government increased during the year only about \$600,000. The total in 1918 was \$11,451,942 and for the last year was \$11,511,942.

It is therefore plain that the plan of debt is being caused by the units of government than the civil.

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President Wilson's Brother-in-law on Stand in Ship Probe



R. WILMER BOLLING

This photograph was taken while R. Wilmer Bolling, brother-in-law of President Wilson and treasurer of the United States Shipping Board, was testifying in New York before the congressional investigation committee. He appeared to answer charges that he had accepted a bribe in the awarding of a contract for the shipping board.

GARY MEN IN BAD AUTO ACCIDENTS

One Fatally Hurt and Three Others Get Minor Injuries in Hammond

Two Gary men were seriously injured, one probably fatally, and three others received minor injuries early this morning when the automobile in which they were riding crashed head-on into a standing freight train at the Summer street crossing over the C. & N. S. railroad tracks near the eastern city limits of Hammond.

Frank Spears, 611 Pennsylvania avenue, Gary, is the most seriously injured. He is believed to have suffered a concussion of the brain. Dr. J. A. Stewart, 765 Van Buren street, Gary, has a broken arm. The other members of the party were Joe Dent, 410 Monroe street, Gary; Lee Sewell of North Liberty, Ind.; and Bryan Sewell, 335 E. Seventh avenue, Gary. They escaped with a few cuts and bruises.

The men were returning to Gary and passed through Hammond at about 5 o'clock this morning. Spears was driving the car, an Essex, which is said to have been making close to fifty miles an hour when the crash came. The crossing is at the top of a long grade and other members of the party say they saw the freight train until the machine struck it. Spears had not been able to talk since the accident.

The automobile was reduced to wreckage by the impact and the men were hurled to the roadway. Fortunately the train was not moving at the time or it is believed all would have been killed.

Aid was summoned and the men were taken to St. Margaret's hospital. All were given surgical treatment after which Spears was taken to Mercy hospital at Gary. The other men were able to return to their homes.

ROTARIANS ARE TO TAKE TRIP

Hammond Rotarians are preparing for a big day on Feb. 22, when they will make a trip to Evansville, Ind., to look the town over. Dr. E. S. Jones has been appointed chairman of an "On to Evansville" committee, which will have charge of the affair. George Hennauer is arranging for a special car which will carry members of the club to Evansville over the Monon or C. & N. S. railroad. An entire day will be spent in the down state city where the people are making great preparations for entertaining the visitors.

COX DEFEAT "HUMAN NATURE"

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—"Human nature" defeated Gov. Cox in his fight for the presidency, according to the governor himself. In a letter addressed to Miss Lillian M. Hackelman, secretary of the Cox-Roosevelt club of Oregon, Cox said:

"I am constrained to believe that it was just a case of human nature. The reactions of the war brought recent, prejudice and misunderstanding, but let us hope that in the end things that are vital will be conserved by the result."

STOCKYARD COUNCIL TO MAKE AWARDS

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Officials of the stockyard labor council here have called a meeting for next Monday to discuss the wage award made to stockyard workers throughout the country yesterday by Judge Samuel Alschuler, appointed mediator in wage disputes between the packers and their employees. The members of the stockyard unions are said to be generally dissatisfied with the award.

Monon Flyer Hits Auto; 1 Dead, 5 Hurt

Serious Accident Occurs Last Night at One Hundred Fourteenth St.

One woman was killed and two injured, probably fatally, last night when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by the Chicago-Indianapolis flyer of the Monon Railroad at 144th street. Three other women were seriously injured.

MOTHER KILLED, GIRL HURT

Mrs. James Green, 11300 Muskegon avenue, was killed outright and her daughter, Emma, 14, was injured, probably fatally.

Mrs. Helen Douglas, 31, of 10947 Avenue M, driver of the car, suffered a skull fracture and internal injuries. She is the wife of Kirk Douglas, 2509 E. 190th street. All of the injured were taken to the South Chicago Hospital.

ON WAY TO INITIATION

Mrs. Douglas, a prominent member of the Macabees, was taking the women to the office of a physician for a physical examination preparatory to their initiation into the order.

One Hundred and Fourteenth street, seldom used except by farmers, has no crossing guard. The automobile was proceeding east, and Mrs. Douglas could not see the approaching train because of a clump of trees until it was too late to stop.

The South Chicago and Hegewisch police were called. When they arrived with the ambulance, Surgeon James K. O'Brien, among the passengers, was rendering first aid. Mrs. Green's body was taken to Brown's undertaking parlor, Ninety-second street and Commercial avenue.

The dead woman's husband, a switchman employed by the By-Products Coke Corporation, was not informed of the accident for some hours after it happened. He was found by the police.

ORDINANCE PUTS BAN ON SMOKE HORROR

Black and gray smoke, dense clouds of which have made life miserable at times for Hammond people, will soon be a thing of the past. Its death knell was sounded last night when the city council passed a smoke ordinance through the bill.

The ordinance provides that no stationary engine, heating plant, boiler, furnace, locomotive or any other smoke producing device with the exception of casting plants in private homes, shall be permitted to emit clouds of dense black or gray smoke within the city limits of Hammond. The ordinance provides a fine of from \$10 to \$100 for violations each day the nuisance is continued to constitute a separate offense.

The ordinance is identical with the one now in force in Indianapolis and which was held valid by the supreme court. When put to a vote the matter was held up on suspension of rules by the negative vote of Alderman Luthman, but it will probably go through at the next meeting.

The street car company came in for another round of "smoking" last night. A delegation from the new League of Improvement association started the talk when they registered their protest against the sort of service they were getting in East Hammond.

They say that cars do not run the full length of the line and they never know when they are going to be dumped off after they reach the Union plant and be told to "take the next car." They offered several suggestions among which was the one that the line from Morton avenue and Columbia be hooked up on the north with State street or Sibley street and thus provide a separate route to and from the business district over State or Sibley and Columbia avenues. It would shorten the time by half and would not be subject to interruption as the present interurban service is.

Fred Smith of the street car company was present and answered all questions which were put to him and explained that recent orders had corrected some of the evils complained of. A committee from the association was requested to meet with the street car officials and accept and alter committee Saturday when the matter will be gone into thoroughly.

Alderman Brown semi-monthly magazine called attention to a number of conditions which he believed needed correction. Some of them he has spoken of several times previously, but without results.

An ordinance was passed changing the name of Tremont avenue between Calumet and Maywood avenue to Truman boulevard.

Mayor Brown's nomination of Arnold Kurner as city clerk to fill out the unexpired term of W. C. Rose, who becomes county recorder Jan. 1, was ratified by the council.

Alderman Martin suggested that the board of works flood vacant lots in the city to provide skating places for the public. A motion to this effect carried unanimously.

The city council accepted an invitation to attend the meeting of athletic teams which will be held Friday evening at the court house.

On motion of Alderman Freiday it was voted to call the attention of the South Shore railway officials to the filthy conditions around the Hammond station with orders that the place be cleaned up.

Heavyweight of British Army Just After Being Decorated by the King



Heavyweight honors in the British army go to Major Dr. Elmer, a Canadian. Major Elmer is shown here in London after being decorated by King George.

PROMISING PROSPECTS FOR AUTOS

Hammond Dealers Predict Record Breaking Year If They Can Only Get Cars

With an exceptionally good year behind them, Hammond automobile dealers are getting set for 1921, a year which they predict will be a record breaker. The only "if" which they introduce is "if we can only get the cars."

The demand is here. Few people realize the important part which the automotive industry plays in business. It has grown to be the nation's second industry and the public now turns to it as the barometer of conditions generally.

Just how many cars were sold in Hammond in 1920 could be difficult to determine from figures now available. Sales organizations generally cover the entire North township rather than any one city. It is estimated that 1,200 new cars were sold by Hammond dealers in their territory and it is considered probable that 500 of these were in the city of Hammond alone. If the average price were only \$1,000, this means that over a million dollars of machines passed through the hands of these dealers.

With one or two exceptions, dealers characterize business right now as fair and showing a wonderful pickup over the last few months. It has never been bad, but sales have lagged some, but because of curtailment of production in the majority of factories. In the meantime orders have kept coming in.

"I know we won't get the cars we will need," said John Schmeiser, the Buick man, after showing the fine list of prospects he has on hand. "Our plant is running only about one-third capacity, but orders here are over the old normal mark. I don't see what we will do when those people who are waiting for lower prices get the notion out of their heads. Another thing, I have seen more spot cash in the last two months than I saw during the previous year. Out of 19 sales since the middle of September all were cash with the exception of three, which were good trades."

This sentiment is reflected by Ed Bolling of the Buick Auto Sales, who has done a great business this year. Right now he is selling more cars than he did this time last year. Of course we are not up to the place we were last spring. No one would expect that in the early winter. The cash is more plentiful too. I would say that 25 per cent of our sales are cash as compared with 25 per cent in 1919. Business is going to be better next year, but we are going to have to fight for cars for there will undoubtedly be a shortage in all of the standard makes."

Dealers as a rule look for no further reductions in prices of machines. In fact several of them believe that the fall cuts will not stand and that there will be increases next spring.

"It is my sincere conviction that the automobile market is on the threshold of such an era of buying activity as will put into the hands of owners more than the cars left unsold by the dealers in 1919. Business is going to be better next year, but we are going to have to fight for cars for there will undoubtedly be a shortage in all of the standard makes."

The automotive lines have now much more than discounted any possible factory reductions in factory cost. Universally, the automotive trade is right down on the bottom of cost schedules and present prices can be maintained only by the return of pre-war conditions in labor and raw material markets. If these conditions do not return, a price increase is inevitable.

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E. Chicago Man Inherits A Fortune

Business Man One of Heirs to \$500,000 Estate in Philadelphia

J. S. Polk, the proprietor of a new and second hand store at 1713 Olcott ave., East Chicago, has received word from a firm of attorneys at Philadelphia that he is one of the heirs to an estate valued at \$500,000.

Mr. Polk's grandfather, who was a resident of Philadelphia, over a hundred years ago, bought up a large tract of land in what is now known as the Wall Street of Philadelphia. This land was leased to the city of Philadelphia for a long term of years, the present lease expiring in 1924.

However, the city which holds an option for the purchase of the property, has now signified its intention to buy and in order to do so, is forced to hunt up the heirs of the property of which there are three. Mr. Polk and his sister, who are two of the heirs, have already been notified and all that remains to close the estate is the finding of a nephew.

Mr. Polk's mother died when he was but two years of age and he did not know of the estate until one of the members of the legal firm called upon him a day ago.

According to Attorney Ross, who came to East Chicago to see Mr. Polk the latter shares when the estate is closed will be in the neighborhood of \$48,000.

THIS JANE SEEKS MAN AND MILLION

Mayor McCormack of East Chicago Has a New Job on His Hands

In a letter received yesterday, Mayor McCormack, of East Chicago, who has had a life of married happiness is asked to help a lonely woman from Colorado in her search for an ideal man and husband.

"I am looking for a tall, blue eyed man in the neighborhood of 30 years of age," says the heartbroken girl, "and oh, Dear Mayor, I know you will help me find him."

But wait, this girl who describes herself as being small, with pretty brown eyes and fascinating features has tied a little string to her proposition. "The man I marry must have one million dollars the same as I have. He must be sweet, loving and affectionate and must be able to devote the greater part of his time to me, to make my life pleasant and happy," runs the communication.

The letter is signed Edna Drufey, 125 W. 12th street, Pueblo, Colo., and a postscript attached to the letter says that any bachelor is eligible. On the back of the envelope the words, "Dear God Please Guide" shows the sincerity of this lonely maiden, in her hour of need.

Mayor McCormack who is always ready to extend a helping hand to those in need, has promised to help the maiden and has arranged an hour each day for applicants to file their applications. Those having the necessary amount of cash are requested to be at the mayor's office in the city hall, East Chicago, any morning between the hour of 10 and 11 o'clock.

STRANGERS CART AWAY HER TRUNK

The Gary police are making a city-wide search today for three strangers who entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Klac, 351 Jackson st., and carried away a trunk containing bonds, currency and silver amounting to over \$5,000 of their life's savings.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Klac had worked hard for the past 15 years to accumulate the small fortune. At the time of the trunk robbery they were planning on returning to Serbia to see their son, Milos, who is now sixteen years old. New clothing, which they recently purchased for the trip was in the trunk. Both were weeping when a reporter called on them this afternoon.

The husband was telling at his work in the mill when the trunk was stolen and the wife was in the basement of the house. The trio were strangers. They entered the room of a roomer, who lay helpless in his bed from a recent operation told him that Mrs. Klac had asked them to take the trunk away and carried it out of the house to a waiting machine. The couple suspect a former roomer who has been visiting the home nearly every day for the past two weeks.

EVIDENCE TOO WEAK GARY NEGRO RELEASED

CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 8.—Lewis Griffin, Gary, was given his freedom by Judge Martin Smith on Monday in the criminal court. Griffin was arrested in the early part of November on the charge of rape. Florence Hubbard, a 14 year old girl, supposed to be his victim. However, the evidence in the case was not sufficient to convict Griffin. Both were released.

Beautiful Princess Whose Romance Ends In the Divorce Court



PRINCESS TROUBETZKOY

The romance of Princess Naniya V. Troubetzkoy of Russia, who has been called the "most beautiful Red Cross nurse" and Captain Vladimir S. Schura, U. S. A., has been shattered. The captain has brought suit, alleging that she has another husband living. Two years ago Princess Troubetzkoy was among the most feted women in the country. Her romance started while she was nursing in a hospital in Washington, D. C.

5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

BULLETIN

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 8.—One man was killed, one is dying and another is believed to be fatally injured as the result of a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train striking a taxicab containing three passengers at Fairmount, just outside the city limits.

BULLETIN

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) LONDON, Dec. 8.—The British government is considering the advisability of making formal diplomatic representations to the U. S. requesting official action as a result of declarations made there by E. DeValera "president of the Irish republic."

BULLETIN

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The break between the Clothing Manufacturer Association of New York and their 55,000 employees widened today with industrial warfare as the immediate prospect.

The manufacturers, whose ultimatum for re-establishment of the piece work system, reduced wages and the right to "hire and fire" was rejected by the employees, countered by declaring it would have no further negotiations with the workers union—the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

BULLETIN

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 8.—An offer to appoint U. S. Senator-elect Frank B. Willis, Delaware, Ohio, to succeed President-elect Harding in the senate immediately, if Mr. Harding so desires, is contained in a telegram sent to President-elect Harding today by Gov. James M. Cox, who was the unsuccessful democratic presidential candidate.

BULLETIN

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) LONDON, Dec. 8.—Ex-Empress Augusta Victoria's condition has again undergone a change for the worse it was reported from Doorn today. Intestinal trouble has developed and the ex-empress's temperature is dangerously high.

BULLETIN

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) MARION, O., Dec. 8.—Warren G. Harding, returned vacationist, reached Marion today just in time for a quiet luncheon at home before settling down to the accumulation of work awaiting him. A freight wreck near Newark, O., early today, made it necessary to detain the Harding special train by way of Orrville and Crestline.

BULLETIN

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) RAVENNA, O., Dec. 8.—The eight-year old son of Charles Pierce was instantly killed and eight others seriously injured in a crash of an express passenger car on the Ravenna division of the Northern Ohio Traction line at noon today. The injured are in Ravenna hospital.

Reduce Ice Cream Price

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 8.—An other reduction in the cost of living was seen here today when one of the local manufacturers cut the price of ice cream to \$1 a gallon, delivered to the house. In quantities of less than one gallon the price is 25 cents a quart. Retailers in the business district, however, continue to ask 35 cents a quart. They state the \$1 price can not last.

See Brown's sale for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11. 12-8-2

Mayors Brown and Schrage Named on General Committee

(BULLETIN)

Major Henry W. Lee, secretary of the Calumet Manufacturers Association, appeared before the Hammond city council last evening to secure the co-operation of the city in action which may be necessary in hastening the work of the U. S. government and the state governments of Indiana and Illinois in building the proposed Illinois harbor at Wolf Lake.

At his suggestion Mayor Dan Brown was authorized to act as Hammond's representative at all meetings of the general committee. Monday night similar action was taken by the Whiting council and Mayor Schrage was appointed.

"Illiana," the world's greatest port, may be placed at the door of Chicago if plans drawn by Col. W. V. Jackson, United States engineer in charge of the Chicago district, are approved by Congress.

The plan provides for taking over of Wolf Lake for an inner and an outer harbor, this building of more than thirty-seven miles of docks and the administration of the interstate harbor district by a joint Illinois-Indiana commission. Wolf Lake is partly within Chicago and partly within Hammond.

Major Henry W. Lee, secretary of the Calumet Manufacturers Association, who has urged the project for years, received yesterday that drawings of the contemplated harbor had been approved by the chief of engineers and the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors at Washington, D. C.

WILL NAME COMMITTEE

Mayor Thompson and the mayors of Hammond and Whiting, Ind., and civic organizations will be invited to name representatives on a committee for preliminary preparations. Necessary legislation to be passed by the Legislatures of Illinois and Indiana already is in preparation.

The outer harbor would be protected by a three and one-half-mile breakwater southeast of the South Chicago harbor pier. Along the lake shore would be constructed fourteen slips flanked by piers and amply provided with rail facilities.

The entrance to the inner harbor would be along Wolf River, over which two bridges would be built. The inner basin would provide for ten slips with railroad docks.

WINTER IN INNER BASIN

The inner basin would provide winter berths for hundreds of boats. The slips would accommodate an even greater number.

Major Lee, who first proposed the interstate harbor before the United States naval board October 10, 1916, said:

"The Illinois harbor project rivals the Panama Canal and the Sanitary District channel in importance and probably exceeds both in potential usefulness.

"At no spot in America are conditions so ideal for a great national transfer port. At the end of the Great Lakes, connected with the Illinois-Mississippi waterway by the Calumet River and the Sag Canal; the Great Lakes with all the teeming commerce, at the focus of the world's greatest railroad center to reach all parts of the United States, and via the improved St. Lawrence waterway the ocean ports of the world."

"The site is in the great Calumet manufacturing district which numbers more than 450 factories and is growing at the rate of fifty new factories a year and is surrounded by South Chicago, Pulman, Hammond, Whiting, East Chicago and Gary."

Major Lee has gone to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington, where he will present the project.

PLANNED RAID ON RY. OFFICE

That the Hammond offices of the H. W. & E. C. Street Railway would have been the scene of a daring robbery on Saturday, November 20, became known today when three men were arraigned before Judge Leiby in the municipal court at Chicago.

The bandits, all of whom have criminal records are Frank McGuirk, Emmett Kane and John Reahy. McGuirk is held to the grand jury under \$5,000 bonds while Kane and Reahy are each under \$2,000 bonds.

The gang originally consisted of four members. The fourth man who is said to have squealed has not been brought into court but Hammond and Chicago police can get him at any time.

It was the chance remark dropped by this fourth man which gave the police their advance tip on the robbery. Working together the Hammond and Chicago officers were able to get hold of this man and bring a confession from him, gaining complete knowledge of the plans of the quartet. The informer was held and his disappearance made other members of the gang suspicious.

Instead of pulling the robbery as staged, they disappeared but the search by the police of two cities has at last rounded them up. They are members of a gang which held forth at a pool room in the vicinity of Ninety-fourth street and Cottage Grove avenue.

Police were prepared on the night of November 21 to forestall the robbery should an attempt be made but the affair did not develop. The men had planned to stage the holdup last believing that a large amount of money would be found at the office.

The men are now charged with conspiracy to rob the street car office.